(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering a proposal to release persons detained under TADA in connection with Punjab problem on the lines on which Government have released Hurriyat leaders of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) In the light of directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to periodically review the pending cases under TADA (P) Act, 1987 the State Governments including the Punjab Government, were asked to constitute State Review Committees. The State Review Committee constituted by Government of Punjab has reviewed 572 cases and charges under Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 have been dropped against 263 persons till 20.06.2000. The Government of India has reminded the State Governments, including the Government of Punjab to review the remaining TADA cases in a time bound manner.

Completion of power project by NEEPCO in NER

*49. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects now taken up and completed in the North-Eastern Region by NEEPCO State-wise;

(b) the amount released so far for each project;

(c) the details of amount collected so far from each completed project, project-wise; and

(d) the assets available with each project?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) The details of the schemes taken up by the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO), State-wise, together with the amount released so far for each of the projects are given in Statement, (*see* below). In addition Rs. 20 crores and Rs. 15 crores were released to NEEPCO for pre-construction activities in respect of proposed new projects namely Tuivai HE Project (210MW) in Mizoram and Kameng HE Project (600 MW) in Arunachal Pradesh respectively.

The details of cumulative sale of energy and amount collected by NEEPCO upto the 30th June, 2000 are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name the of Project	Value of Sale of Energy	Amount Realised
1.	Kopili HEP (250 MW), Assam	572.70	796.09
2.	Assam Gas Based Power Project (291 MW), Assam	760.24	
3.	Agartala Gas Turbine Project (84 MW), Tripura	124.33	
	TOTAL:	1457.27	

The value of assets of NEEPCO is Rs. 3843.86 crores as on 31.3.1999.

Statement

Details of the Power Generating Projects taken up by NEEPCO in NER

(a) Completed Projects

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/State	Installed Capacity (MW)	Date of Commissioning	Latest Cost Rs. Crs.	Amount (funds) released Rs. Crs.
	HYDRO PROJECTS				
1.	Kopili, Assam	2x25	1983-84	243.82	—
		2x25	1987-88		
2.	Kopili St. I Extn. Assam	2x50	1996-97	134.48	—
3.	Doyang Nagaland	3x25	2000-01	758.70	GOI-439.85 Bonds-127.00 LIC - 81.00 PFC - 39.78 TOTAL: 687.63

THERMAL POJECTS

1.	**ASSAM**			1532.32	GOI - 1410.02
	Kathalguri				Bonds- 122.30
	CCGT				TOTAL - 1532.32
	GT-1	33.5	18.3.95	—	—
	GT-2	33.5	22.3.95	—	—
	GT-3	33.5	30.6.95	—	—
	GT-4	33.5	30.7.95	—	—
	GT-5	33.5	2.3.96	—	—
	GT-6	33.5	20.7.96	—	—
	ST-1	30	1.3.98	—	—
	ST-2	30	28.3.98	—	—
	ST-3	30	5.7.98	—	—
2.	**TRIPURA**				
	Agartala GT		322.55		GOI - 179.48
	GT-1	21	5.2.98		ECB- 143.07
	GT-2	21	25.2.98		TOTAL- 322.55
	GT-3	21	29.3.98		
	GT-4	21	26.6.98		

(b) Projects under execution

Sl. No.	Name of the Project/State	Installed Capacity (MW)	Date of Commi-ssioning	Latest Cost Rs. Crs.	Amount (funds) released Rs. Crs.
1.	Ranganadi HE Project Arunachal Pradesh	3x135	2001-02	1479.63 Approval is under process in MHA	GOI -667.65 Bonds - 150.00 LIC - 160.60 PFC - 96.12 TOTAL 1074.37
2.	Tuirial HE Project, Mizoram	2 x 30	2006	368.72	GOI - 89.94 DFA - 8.12 Total - 98.06
3.	Kopili HE Project Stage-II, Assam	1 x 25	2003	76.09	GOI - 45.86 Total - 45.86

GOI = Government of India

ECB = External Commercial Borrowings

PFC = Power Finance Corporation

LIC = Life Insurance Corporation of India

DFA = Direct Foreign Assistance

Air Crashes involving Army Helicopters

*50 DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many army helicopters have crashed during 1998-99 and 1999-2000, till date;

(b) what is the nature of losses in terms of men and money; and

(c) whether Government have taken adequate precautionary measures to prevent such disasters in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Two army helicopters have crashed during 1998-99 and thereafter three army helicopters have crashed upto 30th June, 2000.

(b) Two pilots have died in these accidents. The financial loss suffered in these accidents is Rs. 1.24 crores approximately.

(c) Adequate precautionary measures have been taken to prevent the recurrence of such accidents in future, based on the recommendations of the Courts of Inquiry that were ordered to investigate the cause of accidents.

Dues to NTPC

†*51. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (N.T.P.C.), which is an international level thermal power generating company, has to struggle hard in order to recover its outstanding amount from various State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.